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DATE: 22 September

TO: Mr. Smith
FROM: Dickk
SUBJECT: DDI Assistance to the [REDACTED]

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REMARKS: In addition to the briefings [REDACTED] and some OCI people have given [REDACTED] writers to help them prepare a feature issue on the Chinese Revolution, [REDACTED] has received and prepared to respond to the following request:

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To prepare a short antidotal article to be run alongside an Edgar Snow article praising Mao's immense personal contribution to China's advancement.

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[REDACTED] dutifully produced a hard-hitting rebuttal, which he has now retracted in favor of a milder, more diffident one, which I attach.

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Both he and I have qualms about this, however, and I have extracted from [REDACTED] reluctant promise to mention to the Director this added fillip to the exercise. [REDACTED] insists there is no chance of the [REDACTED] revealing the origin of the piece, and asserts that the editor will claim it as his own if queried. He was mildly astonished that there should be any cause for concern here.

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Unless you want to intervene, this protects the DDI and I will pass this on to [REDACTED] with a reiteration that the Director must be made aware of it.

I need this back today, if possible.

R/S ok'd some date.

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